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The following is a complete listing of all claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

**Listing of claims:**

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1        1. (currently amended) A method of trial purchase for allowing users of a  
2        plurality of terminals connected to commodity providing means through a  
3        network to experience a purchase procedure of a commodity provided from  
4        said commodity providing means through said network, said method  
5        comprising the steps of:  
6                displaying information on a commodity provided from said commodity  
7        providing means for trial purchase on one of said terminal terminals; and  
8                performing said purchase procedure for trial purchase by the user using  
9        said terminal; and  
10               limiting further use of said purchase procedure by users who have had  
11        prior experience with said purchase procedure.

1        2. (original) The method of trial purchase according to claim 1, further  
2        comprising the steps of:  
3                previously storing a destination of said commodity for trial purchase;  
4        and  
5                providing said commodity for trial purchase to said previously stored  
6        destination when said commodity for trial purchase is specified on said  
7        terminal.

1        3. (original) The method of trial purchase according to claim 1, further  
2        comprising the steps of:  
3                previously storing a destination of said commodity for trial purchase;

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4 displaying said previously stored destination on said terminal when  
5 said commodity for trial purchase is specified on said terminal; and  
6 designating said previously stored destination or a newly designated  
7 destination as a destination of said commodity.

1 4. (original) The method of trial purchase according to claim 3, further  
2 comprising the step of storing said newly designated destination.

1 5. (original) The method of trial purchase according to claim 1, wherein said  
2 commodity for trial purchase is free of charge.

1 6. (original) The method of trial purchase according to claim 2, wherein said  
2 commodity for trial purchase is free of charge.

1 7. (original) The method of trial purchase according to claim 3, wherein said  
2 commodity for trial purchase is free of charge.

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1 8. (original) The method of trial purchase according to claim 4, wherein said  
2 commodity for trial purchase is free of charge.

1 9. (currently amended) A trial purchase system comprising:  
2 a plurality of terminals; ~~and~~  
3 commodity providing means connected to said plurality of terminals  
4 through a network for displaying information on a commodity for trial  
5 purchase on said terminal and providing said commodity for trial purchase to a  
6 destination designated on said terminal when said commodity for trial  
7 purchase is specified on said terminal; and

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8                   means for limiting further use of said trial purchase system by users  
9                   who have had prior experience with said trial purchase system.

1           10. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 9, wherein said  
2           commodity providing means includes means for previously storing said  
3           destination and providing said commodity for trial purchase to said previously  
4           stored destination when said commodity for trial purchase is specified on said  
5           terminal.

1           11. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 9, wherein said  
2           commodity providing means includes means for previously storing said  
3           destination and providing said commodity for trial purchase to a newly  
4           designated destination when said commodity for trial purchase is specified on  
5           said terminal and said new destination is designated therefor.

1           12. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 11, wherein said  
2           commodity providing means includes means for storing said newly designated  
3           destination.

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1           13. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 10, further  
2           comprising customer information storing means for storing information on  
3           said destinations.

1           14. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 11, further  
2           comprising customer information storing means for storing information on  
3           said destinations.

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1 15. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 12, further  
2 comprising customer information storing means for storing information on  
3 said destinations.

1 16. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 9, further  
2 comprising commodity information storing means for storing information on  
3 said commodity.

1 17. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 10, further  
2 comprising commodity information storing means for storing information on  
3 said commodity.

1 18. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 11, further  
2 comprising commodity information storing means for storing information on  
3 said commodity.

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1 19. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 12, further  
2 comprising commodity information storing means for storing information on  
3 said commodity.

1 20. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 13, further  
2 comprising commodity information storing means for storing information on  
3 said commodity.

1 21. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 14, further  
2 comprising commodity information storing means for storing information on  
3 said commodity.

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- 1        22. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 15, further  
2        comprising commodity information storing means for storing information on  
3        said commodity.
- 1        23. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2        to claim 13, said backup means comprising means for holding the information  
3        on the destinations stored in said customer information storing means.
- 1        24. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2        to claim 14, said backup means comprising means for holding the information  
3        on the destinations stored in said customer information storing means.
- 1        25. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2        to claim 15, said backup means comprising means for holding the information  
3        on the destinations stored in said customer information storing means.
- 1        26. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2        to claim 16, said backup means comprising means for holding the commodity  
3        information stored in said commodity information storing means.
- 1        27. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2        to claim 17, said backup means comprising means for holding the commodity  
         information stored in said commodity information storing means.
- 1        28. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2        to claim 18, said backup means comprising means for holding the commodity  
3        information stored in said commodity information storing means.

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1        29. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2        to claim 19, said backup means comprising means for holding the commodity  
3        information stored in said commodity information storing means.

1        30. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2        to claim 20, said backup means comprising means for holding the commodity  
3        information stored in said commodity information storing means.

1        31. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2        to claim 21, said backup means comprising means for holding the commodity  
3        information stored in said commodity information storing means.

1        32. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2        to claim 22, said backup means comprising means for holding the commodity  
3        information stored in said commodity information storing means.

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1        33. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 9, wherein said  
2        commodity providing means includes means for providing said commodity for  
3        trial purchase at no charge.

1        34. (withdrawn) A method of gathering customer information on users of a  
2        plurality of terminals from said terminals connected to a network, said method  
3        comprising the steps of:

4                providing said terminal with information on a commodity for trial  
5        purchase to allow experience of a procedure of commodity purchase through  
6        said network; and

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7 causing entry of customer information on a user who makes an order  
8 for a commodity based on said commodity information into said terminal  
9 when said order is received.

1 35. (withdrawn) The method of gathering customer information according to  
2 claim 34, wherein said customer information is previously stored and said  
3 previously stored customer information is changeable when said commodity  
4 for trial purchase is ordered on said terminal.

1 36. (withdrawn) The method of gathering customer information according to  
2 claim 35, further comprising the step of storing the name of said commodity  
3 for trial purchase in correspondence with the customer information of said  
4 user who ordered said commodity.

1 37. (withdrawn) The method of gathering customer information according to  
2 claim 34, wherein said commodity for trial purchase is free of charge.

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1 38. (withdrawn) The method of gathering customer information according to  
2 claim 35, wherein said commodity for trial purchase is free of charge.

1 39. (withdrawn) The method of gathering customer information according to  
2 claim 36, wherein said commodity for trial purchase is free of charge.

1 40. (withdrawn) A customer information gathering system comprising:  
2 a plurality of terminals; and  
3 information gathering means connected to said plurality of terminals  
4 through a network for providing said terminal with information on a  
5 commodity for trial purchase to allow experience of a procedure of

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6 commodity purchase through said network and requiring entry of customer  
7 information on a user who makes an order for a commodity based on said  
8 commodity information when said order is received.

1 41. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to  
2 claim 40, wherein said information gathering means includes means for  
3 previously storing said customer information and allowing a change in said  
4 previously stored customer information when said commodity for trial  
5 purchase is ordered on said terminal.

1 42. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to  
2 claim 41, wherein said information gathering means includes means for  
3 storing the name of said commodity for trial purchase in correspondence with  
4 the customer information of said user who ordered said commodity.

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1 43. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to  
2 claim 41, further comprising customer information storing means for storing  
3 said customer information.

1 44. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to  
2 claim 42, further comprising customer information storing means for storing  
3 said customer information.

1 45. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to  
2 claim 40, further comprising commodity information storing means for storing  
3 said information on said commodity.



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1        46. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to  
2        claim 42, further comprising commodity information storing means for storing  
3        said information on said commodity.

1        47. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to  
2        claim 43, further comprising commodity information storing means for storing  
3        said information on said commodity.

1        48. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to  
2        claim 44, further comprising commodity information storing means for storing  
3        said information on said commodity.

1        49. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the customer information gathering  
2        system according to claim 43, said backup means comprising means for  
3        holding said customer information stored in said customer information storing  
4        means.

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1        50. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the customer information gathering  
2        system according to claim 44, said backup means comprising means for  
3        holding said customer information stored in said customer information storing  
4        means.

1        51. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the customer information gathering  
2        system according to claim 45, said backup means comprising means for  
3        holding said commodity information stored in said commodity information  
4        storing means.

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1        52. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the customer information gathering  
2        system according to claim 46, said backup means comprising means for  
3        holding said commodity information stored in said commodity information  
4        storing means.

1        53. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the customer information gathering  
2        system according to claim 47, said backup means comprising means for  
3        holding said commodity information stored in said commodity information  
4        storing means.

1        54. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the customer information gathering  
2        system according to claim 48, said backup means comprising means for  
3        holding said commodity information stored in said commodity information  
4        storing means.

1        55. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to  
2        claim 40, wherein said information gathering system includes means for  
3        providing said commodity for trial purchase at no charge.

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1        56. (withdrawn) A selling system, connected to a plurality of terminals  
2        through a network and held by a company, organization or the like providing a  
3        commodity in response to an order from said plurality of terminals, for  
4        providing a commodity for trial purchase for allowing users of said terminals  
5        to experience a purchase procedure of said commodity to a destination  
6        designated on said terminal, said selling system comprising means for  
7        displaying information on said commodity for trial purchase on said terminal  
8        and making an order to provide said commodity for trial purchase to said

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9 destination designated on said terminal when said commodity is specified on  
10 said terminal.

1 57. (withdrawn) The selling system according to claim 56, further  
2 comprising means for providing said commodity for trial purchase at no  
3 charge.

1 58. (withdrawn) Backup means comprising means for holding functions of  
2 said selling system according to claim 56 and information accumulated in said  
3 selling system.

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1 59. (withdrawn) Backup means comprising means for holding functions of  
2 said selling system according to claim 57 and information accumulated in said  
3 selling system.

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